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For: SURGICAL DEVICES INCORPORATING
LIQUID JET ASSISTED TISSUE
MANIPULATION AND METHODS FOR
THEIR USE

Examiner: Katherine Marie Dowe

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
IN CONJUNCTION WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 23, 2009 (Paper No. 20091211), the response date of which is extended to June 23, 2010 by the accompanying Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified U.S. patent application, along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim listing beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.